(a) the present status of the implementation of Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996 and building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Cess Act, 1996; and

(b) whether all construction workers in the country are covered by Provident Fund Act, ESI Act and Gratuity Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) The Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996 and Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Cess Act, 1996 are being implemented in the States of Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Delhi, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Arunchal Pradesh, Puducherry, West Bengal and Tripura. Rest of the States/Union Territories are in the process of framing of Rules and constitution of Welfare Boards.

(b) No, Sir. Only establishments having 20 or more employees engaged in building and construction industry are covered under the employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952. The Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 is applicable to any establishment including construction industry, having 10 or more persons. Further, construction workers are not coverable under the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948.

PF accounts for workers employed by contractors of ONGC

1028. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that workers employed by the contractors on behalf of various ONGC assets in the State of Gujarat situated at Mehsana, Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Ankleshwar and Cambay are not getting up-to-date and correct information about their PF accounts from concerned authorities;

(b) if so, the details of all contractors engaged by the ONGC at the above places and against whom proceedings under Section 7-A has been initiated by the Regional PF Commissioners in Gujarat; and

(c) the details regarding amount collected on accounts of efforts made by the PF Department?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Account slips showing the opening balance at the beginning of the period, amount contributed during the year, the total amount of interest credited at the end of the period or debited in the period and the closing balance at the end of the period are issued to the contract employees by the respective Provident Fund offices in respect of independently covered contractors.

(b) Proceedings under Section 7-A of Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 have been initiated against the following contractors of ONGC:-

(i) Industrial security services (GJ/50395).

(ii) Gujarat Security Guards Services (GJ/50395) alongwith the principal employer.

(c) In respect of Gujarat Security Guards Services (GJ/24080), Rs. 7,91,000/- has been assessed. The dues are collected following the procedure of prosecution of employers; attachment of bank account; attachment and sale of immovable and movable property.

Covering up of BPL families under Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana

1029. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to cover all the Below Poverty Line families in the unorganized sector during the Eleventh Plan under Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the quantum of allocation made for the year 2008-09 and the benefit likely to be accrued to the families in the unorganized sector with the introduction of this yojana?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) It is proposed to cover 6 crore BPL families in five years starting from 2008-09, with an annual target of 1.2 crore families. 4.8 crore BPL families are likely to be covered during the Eleventh Plan and the remaining 1.2 crore in the Twelfth Five Year Plan. State-wise coverage will depend upon the response of each State as the States have to commit financial contribution under the scheme.

(c) There is a budgetary provision of Rs. 250 crore for the year 2008-09. The beneficiary would be entitled to the following benefits under the scheme:-

(i) A smart card based cashless health insurance cover of Rs.30,000/- would be provided to a family of five per annum on a family floater basis.

(ii) All pre-existing diseases to be covered.

(iii) Hospitalisation expenses, taking care of most of the illnesses with as least exclusions as possible.

(iv) Transportation cost of Rs.100/- per visit with an overall limit of Rs.1,000/- per annum.

Unclaimed money with EPFO

1030. SHRI BANWARI LAL KANCHHAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether crores of rupees are lying as unclaimed money with Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and